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1. Fifty-one years old, a native of Hunan and a primary school graduate, TENG Hua joined the Chinese Communist Army at Pingchiang (113-35, 28-42) late in 1927; shortly afterward he became political commissar of a company unit. Appointed political commissar of the 2 Regiment, 1 Division, 1 Army in 1931, TENG studied in 1935 at the Japanese Resistance (抗日) University, Shensi. Two years later he joined the 115 Division, 8 Route Army, and aided NIEH Jung-chen in establishing an army base in the Chinese Communist Shansi-Hopei-Chahar area. SUNG Shih-lun named him political commissar in 1938.
2. As commander of the 7 Column, TENG entered Manchuria with LIN Piao after the Japanese surrender. Following service as commander of the West Liaoning Military District, the Jehol-Liaoning Field Army and the Northeast United Democratic Army, he went with LIN to the Shanhaikuan area in 1948. With the reorganization of the Chinese Communist Army in the spring of 1949, TENG was named commander of the 15 Army Group, 4 Field Army. He occupied Canton in October 1949 and became Canton Garrison Commander. Six months later, with the Chinese Communist seizure of Hainan, he was appointed chairman of the island's Military and Political Committee. In November 1950 TENG transferred from Canton to Korea to join LIN's troops there.

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2. Washington Comment. See SO-68112 and the second Washington comment thereon in reference to TENG's language ability.

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